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ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2001 TO JANUARY 25, 2002

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	November			Canadian manufacturing shipments increased 1.7% in November to $41.4 billion, led by shipments in motor vehicle (5.7%) and aerospace products and parts (12.7%). This is the first rise in Canadian manufacturing shipments since August. Alberta manufacturing shipments were up 1.7% in November, led by computer and electronics (24.4%) and petroleum and coal (11.3%) shipments. For the first 11 months of 2001, Alberta manufacturing shipments are up 1.1% compared to the same time period in 2000.
Alberta	3,407	3.2%	-8.7%	
Canada	41,378	1.7%	-9.1%	
Retail sales	November			Canadian retail sales advanced for a second consecutive month in November, increasing by 1.4%. Automotive retail sales increased by 3.4%, followed by furniture retail sales (2.3%). Alberta retail sales rose 1.2% in November, and are up 9.8% from November 2000.
Alberta	2,967	1.2%	9.8%	
Canada	24,584	1.4%	6.0%	
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	December			The Canadian CPI rose 0.7% in December 2001 from December 2000. The slowdown in the past few months was primarily due to a drop in energy prices, especially gasoline prices. The Alberta CPI increased 1.6% in December and is down 0.9% from December 2000. For the year as a whole, the Alberta CPI rose 2.3% in 2001, compared to 3.5% in 2000, while the CPI for Canada as a whole rose 2.6% in 2001, compared to 2.7% in 2000.
Alberta	118.5	1.6%	-0.9%	
Canada	115.9	0.1%	0.7%	